

Australian Shark and Diver.

On one occasion a big shark came alongside me where I was working. I stopped, of course, and stepped back quietly to let him pass. But he did not. He came nearer. I then thought he was curious, but soon found that another feeling than curiosity was moving him. As I retreated he still advanced, until I found myself jammed up against the rock. I could retreat no farther, and yet the brute came on determinedly. But instead of approaching me with his long nose—for you don't see his jaws—he turned his side and began to rub up against me. I had a small "jumper" in my hand, which I held with the point outward against his skin, as I did not wish to have his rough skin scoring along my dress.

It was something like what a cow would be rubbing against you. The iron on his skin was, however, the very thing he wanted, as he soon gave me to understand. I was kept there at least half an hour scratching that monster with the sharp iron. He took it like a pig, bending his body and turning over on his side so as to present a fresh surface to the jumper. I suppose he must have felt easier for the operation, for after a time he moved away.

I had one or two further visits from him on following days, on each of which I was obliged to scratch him for a time. I think he must have recognized me as a kindly and effectual scratcher. I imagine he was suffering from some parasitic or skin disease, to which he may have fallen a victim. Otherwise I might be in that scratching billet still.—"A Diver" in Chambers' Journal.

Things That Affect the Hypnotic State.

The differences in the climates appear to have great influence on hypnotic susceptibility. Southerners and altogether those who have been exposed to the tropical heat are much more easily influenced than those who live in the temperate or frigid zones. Hypnosis not only appears sooner in the tropical climates, but it is usually deeper, and the more complicated conditions of the states invariably appear immediately. The hypnotic susceptibility does not depend on these circumstances alone. There are many other conditions which we must find partly outside of the individual and partly within. It is necessary to especially notice the different tempers of mind, such as delight, sorrow, etc.

What also works against coming into the hypnotic state is overexertion, either mentally or bodily, an empty or over-loaded stomach, excessive use of certain nourishing substances, liquors, strong spices, coffee or tea. All these conditions more or less prevent or disturb the coming hypnosis. Furthermore, outward influences, such as temperature, dress, place of residence and surroundings, should all be considered. The room in which experiments are to be performed must neither be too warm nor too cold.—Chicago Herald.

Whittier's Picture.

On one occasion when the artist Parker had been painting a portrait of Charles Sumner, Whittier came to Chestnut street and said to Mrs. Sargent:

"Friend Elizabeth, wilt thee go with me to see Friend Parker's picture of Charles?"

"I should be very glad to," she answered.

"Wilt thee go this morning?" he asked, and upon her assenting they set off for the studio. When they arrived they examined the portrait of Sumner, but Whittier seemed to Mrs. Sargent to be preoccupied and to be in haste to call her attention to something else. In a moment he said:

"Friend Parker, where is the other?"

The artist turned around an easel, and there was a portrait of Whittier himself. The poet was as pleased as a boy at Mrs. Sargent's surprise, and as she had not even known of his sitting she was naturally not a little astonished. He was like a genial comrade in his fun, and, although he was naturally grave and sedate, there was in him a most beautiful and genial humor and sweetness, like the color and perfume of the mayflower under the grayness of the leaves in the spring.—Arlo Bates in Chicago Tribune.

Anglo-Indian Words.

Colonel Yule, the editor of Marco Polo, has published, with John Murray, of London, a glossary of Anglo-Indian colloquial words. In this work, along with well known loan words from remote oriental tongues, we are surprised to meet "Just the cheese," derived from chiz, meaning "thing"; also, "Don't care a damn," derived from dam, a small copper coin and equivalent for a "brass farthing." "Candy" sugar comes from khand, and means "broken" sugar. "Chicanery" and "chicanery" are derived through French usage from chagan, horsegolf, or what we call polo, a game which has reached us for the second time since it was imported into Europe from the east before the Middle Ages. Demijohn is not from French dame Jeanne, but the town of Dannagham, in Persia. Turban is a corruption of durbān, a Persian word for a head wrap.—Exchange.

True Appreciation.

"I did not hear of your bereavement, old fellow, until yesterday," observed a man in the elevated train to another passenger; "let me offer you my condolences. I feel terribly sorry for you. It must be an awful affliction to lose one's wife."

"Yes," replied the other, "it is certainly very hard on me. Until she died I did not know for twenty years what it was to put a set of studs in my shirt."—New York Times.

The Difference.

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